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## LATEST BY TELEGRAPH.

### THE WAR.

#### FOREIGN NEWS BY THE CABLE.

Important Battle on the Seine River.

The Germans Claim a Decisive Victory.

Southern Forts of Paris Bombarded.

The St. Domingo Question in the House.

### MISCELLANY.

#### Favre Ignores the Conference.

LONDON, Jan. 6.—Julius Favre informs Bismarck that he knows nothing of the European conference, and will not leave Paris to attend it.

A correspondent of the Times, writing from Paris, thinks that the further resistance of that city will be brief. The food will fail before the end of the present month.

#### GERMAN NEWS.

LONDON, Jan. 5.—The Austrian Government, in reply to Bismarck's note regarding German unity, declines a formal discussion at present, though Minister Bismarck says the restoration of the German Empire would not only be received with satisfaction by the Austrian people, but would be personally gratifying to the Emperor, Francis Joseph. Austria sincerely wishes to cultivate friendship with Germany.

#### CABLE NEWS.

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—The French Government informs the Telegraph Company that messages for Paris will be forwarded by pigeons at the sender's risk, at ten cents per word. The messages must not exceed twenty words.

#### BATTLE ON THE SEINE.

LONDON, Jan. 5.—A special to the Telegram says a dispatch from Havre, dated January 6th, this morning confirms the dispatch already published of a great battle on the left bank of the Seine. The battle was very fierce and sanguinary. It lasted seven hours, but no decided advantage was gained. The loss of prisoners was heavy. The French troops showed a remarkably daring spirit.

#### GERMAN ACCOUNTS OF THE FIGHT.

LONDON, Jan. 5.—Gen. Manteuffel telegraphs from Amiens, on the 3rd instant, that Gen. Bontheim, with troops from the first army corps, attacked the French early in the morning of that day on the left bank of the Seine, and captured three cannons, three flags and five hundred prisoners.

Bombardment of Paris. The bombardment of the southern forts of Paris commenced this morning.

#### SPANISH NEWS.

LONDON, Jan. 5.—The Spanish Cabinet was organized by making Senor President; Martos, Foreign Minister; Alva, Minister of Justice; Berranger, Marine Minister; Sagasta, Minister of the Interior; Sorriola, Minister of Public Works, and Ayala, of the Colonies.

#### WASHINGTON.

##### MISCELLANEOUS.

#### San Domingo in the House.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—The Committee on Foreign Relations took a test vote upon the San Domingo question, with two members absent, who recently were adverse to the measure looking to annexation. The vote stood, upon the motion directing Banks to report the Senate bill on Monday, ayes—Banks, Orth, Myers, Sheldon, of New York, Willard, Chandler, Swain, Wood; absent—Wilkinson and Judd. The Committee consists of ten members, of whom two are Democrats. Notwithstanding the adverse vote, Banks, as a matter of courtesy, will be allowed to report the Senate bill to the House on Monday.

The indications are that the steamer Tennessee, fitted out to carry the President's San Domingo commissioners, will remain at anchor. The Administration, however, is still confident, and expect the commissioners to return in time for action at this session.

The House is considering the Paraguay bill.

The Senate is not in session.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—The preliminaries for a joint commission for the settlement of questions arising from Cuban complications, wherein the United States and Spain are interested, were inaugurated here today.

McPherson, the Clerk of the House, designates the National Virginian, at Richmond, and the Press, at Lynchburg, for public printing.

The Spanish Minister disavows any interest, upon either side, in the San Domingo question.

Missouri circles consider Blair's election to the Senate quite probable.

In the House, the majority resolutions, censuring Admirals Gordon and Davis, were passed. They order a court of inquiry, notwithstanding their course was approved by the State and Navy Departments.

Brooks presented a memorial for the extension of the work of the Hygeographic Office, from the officers of the leading marine insurance companies, the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, Panama Railroad Company, New York and Mexican Steamship Company, and a large number of merchants whose commerce is all over the world.

A bill was introduced for the consolidation of the Indian tribes, and the organization of a system of government for Indian Territory.

By the burning of the court house at Manchester the other night, the county lost \$8,000, and the Christian Church \$300. It is pretty well ascertained that the fire must have been the work of an incendiary.

## HOME NEWS.

### Bills Vetted by Gov. Warmoth.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 5.—Gov. Warmoth has vetoed since Monday, and returned to the Legislature, twenty-one bills passed last session, covering appropriations amounting to six million eight hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars, and five hundred thousand acres of land. Bonds for some of them have been thrown on the market. Among the bills vetoed was a guaranty of the Alexandria, Havana and Fulton Railroad, the mortgage bonds of the Louisiana Petroleum Coal Oil Co., the Louisiana Dredging Co., the Mississippi Valley Levee Co., and one for three millions per annum to increase the Metropolitan police.

The Picayune, Times, and Republican approve the Governor's vetoes.

### INDIANA—OHIO.

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 6.—There are rumors that the Republican Senators intend to resign and go home.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 6.—The value of the Daily Times, published in Cincinnati, is reported in the Probate Court, material sixty thousand dollars, and the good will one hundred and forty thousand.

### THE NATHAN MURDER.

Count Joannes' Extraordinary Sensation and Discovery of the Murderer.

(From the New York Sun.)

The intelligence that the murder of Benjamin Nathan has been discovered, that the assassin against him, though circumstantial, is clear and convincing, and that he is now in the hands of the authorities, though arrested for a different offense, cannot be read without a thrill of excitement by even the most apathetic and incredulous.

This discovery is due to the skill and determination of the well known counselor and advocate, Count Joannes. Following step by step with remarkable perseverance, a clue that had fallen into his hands, he seems to have entirely cleared up the mystery. The assassin entered Mr. Nathan's house as a burglar, for the purpose of plundering it. Mr. Nathan was asleep. The noise of the intruder awoke him. Supposing it to be one of his sons, he said, "Harmon, is it you?"

These were his last words. The robber at once became a murderer, striking the old man dead with the iron dog, or, as he called it, the "rung." Mr. Nathan was killed in order that the burglar might not be detected, arrested and punished. The blow was struck by a left-handed man, whose right hand had been mutilated, so that when, covered with blood, he laid it on the wall of Mr. Nathan's room, it left there the mark of a hand with only four fingers. That man, we are assured, is now in custody.

The testimony presented by Count Joannes settles forever the question, so shocking to every human feeling, whether any of Mr. Nathan's family were in any way implicated in his murder. It shows that they were all perfectly innocent in thought, as well as in deed; that the crime was the work exclusively of a professional robber, who had accomplished this evidence will be most grateful, not only to the relatives of the murdered man, but to all persons whose hearts are not as wicked as that of the murderer himself.

### State Items.

We learn from the Kingston East Tennesseean, that the prisoners confined in jail at that place—three in number—made their escape a few nights ago. They got out by means of false keys.

A thief on a train just south of Chattanooga, the other day, seized a traveler's pocket-book just as the train was drawing out from the depot, and leaped from the car. He got \$140 and escaped.

Pickpockets and confidence men are so plentiful in Chattanooga that the Railroad companies are compelled to put forward extraordinary exertions to prevent travelers from falling their victims. In spite of all efforts many of the unwary are swindled.

Sanford Dunegan was killed on the night of the 30th of December, 1870, on the bank of the Cumberland river, at what is known as Betseytown, or Vanleer landing. Henry White is charged with murdering him, and the Governor will offer a reward of \$300 for the arrest of the party committing the murder and his conviction. The friends of the deceased have offered a reward of \$200, making \$500.

### Early Influences.

There can be no greater blessing than to be born in a cheerful, loving home. It not only insures a happy childhood—if there be health and a good constitution—but almost makes sure virtuous and happy manhood, and a fresh young heart in old age. I think it every parent's duty to try to make their children's childhood full of love and childhood's proper joyousness; and I never see children destitute of them, through the poverty, faulty tempers or wrong actions of parents, without a heartache. Not that all the appliances wealth can buy are necessary to the free and happy unfolding of childhood in body or heart—quite otherwise, God be thanked! But children must at least have love in the home, and fresh air and good play, and some good companionship out of it, otherwise young life runs great danger of withering, or growing stunted or sour, or at best prematurely old and turned inward on itself.

### Pools Not All Dead.

"Over \$3,000 have been shipped from the county of Greene, Tenn., alone for counterfeit money, through such New York firms as Owen & Co. One citizen of Greenville threw away by that means \$225."

The Bristol News, of the 6th, contained the above. We don't know to what extent Knoxville has been humbugged, but know several have received the villainous circulars of these make-believe counterfeiters, who, of course, don't fill their promises. They propose to deal in the "Queer," but it would be queer if their dupes were not deceived as they deserve to be.

The New York Express declares that "a great many editorial writers, who scarcely know a hen coop from a barn door, have poked fun at the series of papers on farming recently concluded by Mr. Greeley."

The purchasing power of a people who have duty mingled manufacturing industry with agricultural productions is tenfold that of a purely agricultural community.

### Eclectic Geographies.

We have had recently the pleasure of examining a new series of School Geographies, prepared by Messrs. Von Steinwehr and Binton, and published by William Hinkle & Co., the publishers of the well known Eclectic Educational Series, embracing McGuffey's Readers, Ray's Arithmetics, and other popular school books.

Perhaps in no branch of school instruction has improvement been so much needed as in the teaching of geography. In our school-boy days, instruction on that topic, instead of being made, as it might be, almost as interesting as a story of romance, was mainly confined to a dry collection of figures, dates and boundaries, learned with reluctance and weariness, and leaving but little impression on the mind. A pupil instructed under the old system, had been suddenly dropped down in one of the countries of which he had studied, would have had but little idea, from the natural features of the country, or the dress, appearance and manners of the inhabitants, whether he were in France, Australia or Hindostan. Of late years, a more rational, attractive and successful method of treating this interesting and important branch of study has been gaining ground, and the present generation of school children will have an easier and more profitable experience in this respect than their predecessors.

The high character of this publishing house is a *prima facie* guaranty of the excellence, both in material and mechanical execution, of the work; but after a careful examination of the Eclectic Geographies, we see in them much to commend. They consist of a series of three numbers, the first termed primary and the second intermediate. Each number is, in a measure, complete within itself, but all three form a connected series, the highest giving, among matters of interest, a short but interesting and intelligible description of the solar system, with suitable illustrations, to show more fully the earth's part in the great series of worlds, the ecliptic, and the variations of day and night, and of the seasons.

The maps are prepared with much care, and have the excellent feature of being colored to distinguish the low and the elevated portions of land.

The illustrations are numerous, new and attractive, and will do much towards gaining the attention of the student and fixing firmly in his mind facts and ideas which without this aid would perhaps be impressed only vaguely, and be liable to be readily lost.

Climate, soil, vegetation, architecture, history, the various kinds of animals and different races of men, with their various manners, customs, costumes and modes of life, are treated in a manner calculated to render the study at once pleasant, practicable and profitable.

An air of freshness, and of being up to the times, is readily apparent, as evinced by an account of our latest territorial acquisition, Alaska, and a picture to the entrance to that recent triumph of French engineering skill, the Suez Canal.

Altogether, the Eclectic Geographies are very creditable school books, both in plan, arrangement and mechanical execution, and the heavy expense which must have been incurred by the publishers in their preparation, will doubtless find its reward in an extensive use.

### Education and Liberty.

The two go hand in hand. So insists the Hon. Henry S. Foote, extracts from whose recent address before the Fisk (colored) University at Nashville, were given in your paper last week. "Surely," he says, "it is a proposition too plain to be disputed, that a system of Republican freedom cannot possibly be maintained, unless the people living under the system, are both intelligent and virtuous." He makes his appeal to history in support of his statement, and argues that it is the duty of the State to preserve itself by caring for the education and virtue of the people. Nor would he confine this word "people," to the white race. He includes in it "the whole body of our youth in America, of whatever complexion and lineage." The "education and moral training" of them all, constitutes the "imperious necessity" of which he speaks. The distinguished orator does not leave any doubt as to his opinion concerning the education of the colored people, whatever the Scribes and Pharisees may say or think of him. He refers again and again to that point. He analyzes the benefits of mental and moral instruction, and states them in detail. Observe his remarks under this head:

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Mr. Foote is not confident, however, that all these benefits are in store for us. Whether they are or not "must depend, much," he thinks, "upon those now up on the stage of action." But "there is one proposition," he concludes, "which he is 'sure no one' of his hearers would 'be inclined to dispute, and that is as follows: 'It is our sacred duty to forward the educational welfare of that class of our young people whose ancestors participated so efficiently in clearing our forests, in tilling our lands, in building up our villages and cities, and who admitted in former years in a thousand interesting modes, to our domestic comfort and to our social business.'"

Now, it is much to be hoped that the good sense, the humanity, the freedom from unreasonable prejudices, and the true understanding of the welfare of the State as involved in rescuing all its youth from ignorance and vice, and training them in knowledge and virtue, which are shown by Mr. Foote, will be imitated by all persons who offer to lead in and manage public affairs, and who have been disposed to conduct them upon principles better suited to the middle ages, than to the year EIGHTEEN HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-ONE.

A correspondent of the Boston Journal states that the people of Alsace and Lorraine are starving to death by hundreds. He has been among them, and has been a witness of their sufferings. He says that as many as twenty-five thousand families would gladly go away, and that it would be a holy, noble work to rescue them from the terrible sufferings which surround them. It is proposed to at once set on foot schemes for providing for their immigration to this country.

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### CHRISTMAS EVE IN ROME.—In Rome

no one goes to bed on Christmas eve, for the Pope holds three grand services: the first at midnight, in the basilica of St. Mary Major; the second about three A. M., at the Church of St. Anastasia; and the third at eight A. M., at St. Peter's. Towards eleven P. M. on Christmas eve, everybody meets everybody else in the portico of St. Mary Major. The Roman nobodies, who number upwards of 200,000, stay away; but the concourse is great notwithstanding, the vast basilica holding all comers comfortably. The Pope sits on his throne, encircled by cardinals and monsignori, and by a multitude of minor clerics.—London Orchestra.

LITERARY.—Justin McCarthy, the never-ending story writer, agreed, not long since, to furnish the Messrs. Harper forty-five short stories for their periodicals. The stories were to average four thousand words each, or about four columns of Harper's Weekly or Bazar, and his compensation for each was one hundred dollars. During the time he was engaged upon them, he was also employed in writing for the Atlantic Monthly, Lippincott's Magazine, the Galaxy, the Independent and several daily papers, besides lecturing constantly, composing a book on America, and reading the newspaper pulpit of his various articles. McCarthy must be weary, but he exhausts himself as well as the patience of the great American people whom he is supplying with literature.

Mrs. Secretary Belknap was a Southern lady, daughter of Dr. Tomlinson, who represented one of the oldest and most respected families of Harrodsburg, Ky. She was a most estimable lady, and her death is deeply deplored by all who knew her. After the death of her father she went to reside in Keokuk, Iowa. Her brother was an officer in the Confederate army, and on the staff of Gen. Samuel W. Ferguson, and during the war was captured near Meridian, Miss. It was during her efforts to secure his release from captivity that she was brought in contact with Gen. Belknap, who was a widower, and the acquaintance which was thus formed between them resulted in their marriage.

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